

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3680
OFFERED BY MR. GRIFFITH OF VIRGINIA

Strike section 3 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3. PROVIDING INFORMATION TO PRESCRIBERS IN**
2 **CERTAIN FEDERAL HEALTH CARE AND MED-**
3 **ICAL FACILITIES ON BEST PRACTICES FOR**
4 **PRESCRIBING NALOXONE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
7 and Human Services (in this section referred to as the
8 “Secretary”) may, as appropriate, provide information to
9 prescribers within Federally qualified health centers (as
10 defined in paragraph (4) of section 1861(aa) of the Social
11 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa))), and the health care
12 facilities of the Indian Health Service, on best practices
13 for prescribing naloxone for patients receiving chronic
14 opioid therapy, patients being treated for opioid use dis-
15 orders, and other patients that a provider identifies as
16 having an elevated risk of overdose from heroin or pre-
17 scription opioid therapies.

18 (b) NOT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL STANDARD OF
19 CARE.—The information on best practices provided under
20 this section shall not be construed as constituting or estab-

1 lishing a medical standard of care for prescribing naloxone
2 for patients described in subsection (a).

3 (c) NO AUTHORIZATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL AP-
4 PROPRIATIONS.—The Secretary shall carry out this sec-
5 tion through funds otherwise appropriated and nothing in
6 this section shall be construed as authorizing the appro-
7 priations of additional funds to carry out this section.

8 (d) ELEVATED RISK OF OVERDOSE DEFINED.—In
9 this section, the term “elevated risk of overdose” has the
10 meaning given such term by the Secretary, which—

11 (1) may be based on the criteria provided in the
12 Opioid Overdose Toolkit published by the Substance
13 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
14 (SAMHSA); and

15 (2) may include patients on a first course opioid
16 treatment, patients using extended-release and long-
17 acting opioid analgesic, and patients with a res-
18 piratory disease or other co-morbidities.

